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## United Church

United Church order for Sunday, August 16, 1936:  
Empress Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.  
Church Service, 11:30 p.m.  
Wainfleet, 2 p.m.  
Mayfield, 4 p.m.  
Rev. A. T. Bell, pastor.

## Bad Forest Fires

### Rage in Alberta

Calgary.—South-western Alberta was aflame, Monday, Forest fires burned fiercely at a score of points, with at least six major outbreaks fanned by strong winds, causing concern to forestry rangers.

Large and valuable stands of timber and miles of some of Alberta's best grazing range were falling prey to the swift advance of the flames.  
Week-end reports that the B. P. ranch near High River, owned by King Edward, was consumed by a blaze moving rapidly south east, were discounted Monday by J. P. Alexander, superintendent of the Crown's West forest reserve, where the fire was burning.

## Arrested on Alleged

### Assault Charge

Alleged to have attacked and beaten Miss Brett, of Audens Valley, M. Weychuk was brought to town on Wednesday, and is in jail awaiting trial. Miss Brett is housekeeper for her brother, Walter Brett; both are getting on in years. Weychuk was hauling grain for Mr. Brett. A charge of common assault with intent to do bodily harm, we understand, may be preferred against Weychuk.

Mrs. K. I. Spence left on a holiday vacation on Sunday.

## Was In Peace River District

The Peace River Record says: "Showing an interest in the district, which will no doubt aid another advocate for the cause of Peace River, Dave Lush, M. L. A., Empress, returned to his home by Tuesday's train."

Mr. Lush, who was here in interests of providing grazing for thousands of cattle in the arid and semi-arid areas of the province, was active in the cause. The visit covered considerable territory and was able to commence negotiations for grazing of cattle.

## Profitable Plum Production

The production of plums on the Prairies is increasing. The general knowledge of varieties and culture is becoming more complete, resulting in greater interest being taken in plum growing. At the Indian Head Experimental Farm many varieties are under test and, in general, the selections from the Manitoba Native plum have been giving the best results.

The plum tree should be planted in an exposed shelter belt, if possible. Only recommended varieties should be planted. Many varieties of good quality are listed but are not recommended due to lack of hardiness or late season ripening. The plum is self-sterile. Therefore it is necessary to plant at least two varieties together, that cross pollination may take place. These should be of the same blooming period. A good practice is to have a row of plum seedlings for this purpose and a row of sand cherries if plum-sand cherry hybrids are being grown. The plum-sand cherry hybrids are not generally as hardy as the plums. Since they are more inclined to be bush type in habit of growth, it is beneficial to

## Government Making Arrangements to Ship Cattle to Feed Lots

### Citizenship Registration To Take Place Next Week

D. Lush who was in town this week said that he was with the party of government men commissioned to go into the north of the province to look into the feed situation. The Alberta government is arranging for from thirty to fifty feed lots, commencing north of Red Deer, Alta. Each lot will be capable of taking care of 3,000 head of cattle. This is thought to be by the government, the best method of dealing with the acute situation occasioned to southern cattlemen by drought and heat to provide feed for stock during the winter months.

Registration of citizens for basic dividends, will take place on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Mr. Lush remarked that when registration had taken place at points in the constituency, some places registered more people than had utilized their franchise at the election.

## United States Corn Crop

A corn crop of 1869 million bushels is the estimate of the United States production made by Secretary of Agriculture, Henry Wallace. The home needs of that country total 2,100 million bushels, so that the crop is deficient by 239 million bushels. The carryover from last year was 302,181,000 bushels. Argentina can be depended on for the deficiency.

Mrs. D. Lush and daughter, Geraldine, arrived home on Friday.

## B. C. Potato Men

### See Higher Prices

Kamloops, Aug. 8.—Potato growers here were jubilant to night as the price of the commodity reached \$25 a ton to growers and shows indications of going much higher.

Blight in the Chilliwack district, light crops in other potato-growing centres, and a steady demand from the drought-stricken areas in the United States, apparently caused the advance.

Behind the franchises down that they may be afforded some protection from the snow cover. If this practice is not followed fruit will very likely be borne only on the lower branches of the trees which have received some protection.

An economical method of making a start in plum growing is to plant the pits. This is also the way to originate new varieties as every seedling produces distinctly different fruit. It is often erroneously believed that seedlings grown from Ash-holms for example, should also carry the same name. This is not so and each seedling is entitled to be named separately, if worthy. Pits should be planted, preferably in the fall, in rows, three inches deep and about six inches apart. After the seedlings are two years old they may be transplanted to a permanent location. Samples of pits are sent out in limited quantities to interested parties free of charge—R. M. Wilson, Dom. Experimental Farm.

## Rowley Northcott

A quiet but pretty wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rowley, 4040 Bellevue Ave., Detroit, Saturday, July 4, when Miss Alice Mary Rowley, sister of Mr. Robt. Rowley, was united in marriage to Mr. Thomas Leonard Northcott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Northcott, of Empress, Alta. The ceremony was performed at 4 p.m. in the living room by the Rev. Wilkie, pastor of Calvary Evangelical Church. The bride was given by her brother Robt., and wore a crepe suit of squamarine with white lace blouse and was also of pink roses and orchid sweet peas and wore white suede shoes. Her only attendant was Mrs. W. C. Redmond, of Detroit. She wore a pink and white powder blue tulle dress and wore a corsage of tallinn roses and white sweet peas and also wore white shoes. The groom was supported by Wesley U. Redmond. Mrs. Rowley wore a yellow and pale green printed crepe dress and a corsage of tallinn roses and white sweet peas. A reception for guests followed after which they sat down to a sumptuous repast. Guests included immediate relatives and a few friends. After a honeymoon in England, Mr. and Mrs. Northcott will make their home in Detroit. Mr. Northcott is the nephew of Mrs. Richard Y. Exeter and Mr. T. Nelson Northcott, of Stratford and has many relatives in and around Exeter.—The Exeter Times-Advocate.

## Basic Dividend Issue

### Is Exploited Shortly

In an address given at Edmonton, Premier Aberhart is credited with the statement: "In the meantime, citizens of Alberta had the assurance that he would do his 'best' to give them basic dividends some time between September 3 and November 3." The Premier took exception to an appeal made to Ottawa, by the Edmonton Chamber of Commerce asking the Federal Government to take "prompt action" to stop what the Chamber said was "clear exploitation of the Dominion-centred over-currency and legal tender."

The Chamber requested the Federal Government to limit the issuance of the certificates. "In view of the intolerable confusion that has already resulted."

## Hail Takes Heavy Toll of Crops in Central Alberta

Calgary, August 10.—Hail took heavy crop toll in some central Alberta districts Saturday night and early Sunday, sweeping a path from Didsbury to as far east as Hinton.

The Didsbury district, 45 miles north of Calgary, reported losses ranging from 40 to 100 per cent.

Other districts escaped the hail and benefited from heavy rainfall, but in southern Alberta it remained dry and hot. A wind and dust storm caused some damage at Drumheller and Youngstown.

17,000,000-Year

## Weather Chart

New York, Aug. 3.—A rock calendar which goes back 17,000,000 years and shows the annual changes in weather in that long-age time is described in the American Association for the Advancement of Science by W. H. Bradley of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey.

This calendar was found in studying the rocks of the Green River district in the State of Washington.

It is made of rocks formed of thin layers ranging from less than the thickness of a sheet of paper to nearly half an inch. Each layer, Mr. Bradley reports, tells the story of the weather for nearly a year. Each one was originally a layer of mud, washed into a lake by the season's rains, its thickness probably affected by erosion, drought and storms.

The layers show clearly, he says, the sun-spot cycles of the Miocene period, 17,000,000 years ago. The cycles reveal themselves in an 11 year fluctuation in amount of rainfall.

Precipital rains brought down more silt to the year's layer, and the layers of the rainy years are thicker, corresponding to rainfall.

Some other deposits in time present the lower ones into

## St. Mary's Anglican Church

Boffalo, Holy Communion and Sermon 11:00 a.m.  
Cuppon, 2:00 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Covenant, 4:30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

Empress, Evensong and Sermon, 7:30 p.m.

Rev. J. S. Parke, Vicar.

R. M. Mantario No. 262

Minutes of meeting of Monday, August 3rd. The meeting was held at Mayfield Hall, N.W. 35 24 29, at 11 a.m. Present: Reeve Dahl and all members of the Council.

Johnson—Minutes of previous meeting adopted as read on motion of C. Johnson.

Anderson—Monthly statement accepted and ordered filed on motion of Councilor Arnold.

Dahl—That the following amount respecting roadwork performed by relief recipients in the year 1935 in respect of relief advances made by the Relief Commission in the year 1931-32 be credited on direct relief advances made by the Rural Municipality in the year 1935 and any balance still standing be credited on the direct relief advanced by the Rural Municipality in the year 1934-35, as under: For indirect relief 1935-36, \$3,504.50; 1935-36, \$3,413.97; Direct relief, 1934-36, \$249.58; 1934-36, \$21.85 and 12.40. Balance credited, \$746.40. Balance to be applied on 1933-34 relief order.

Dahl—That motion No. 9 of meeting of January 6, appointing Messrs. Stampert and Patrick, Saskatoon, as Auditors for the year 1935 be rescinded (on motion, on back page).

rock. These layers today correspond with similar variations in tree rings and in glacial deposits, which have been used similarly to trace the climatic changes for a few thousand years in recent times.

Mr. Bradley adds in addition to the sun-spot weather cycle, evidence of a 21,000 year cycle of weather changes.

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## France Is Worried Over Compliers In Spanish Civil War

Paris.—France's Socialist government, determined to pursue a middle-of-the-road policy in respect to Spain's civil war, announced French volunteers may fight across the border but must not carry arms on French soil.

Disturbed by the possibility of international repercussions from the fight of Italian planes to Spanish Morocco, the French cabinet held a prolonged discussion on the question of French national fighting in Spain.

The cabinet adopted provisions for the sheltering and feeding of Spanish refugees. It also approved a bill appropriating 10,000,000 francs for the protection and repatriation of French citizens in Spain.

Informed sources here said Spanish rebels commanders had placed a 20,000,000 franc airplane order with Italy. The correspondent of the newspaper *Paris-Midi* quoted General Francisco Franco, generalissimo of the Spanish rebels, as saying the insurgents never had placed orders for Italian planes or received any planes from a foreign power.

London.—The Manchester Guardian, discussing the report that five Italian planes crashed while allegedly taking munitions to the rebels in Spanish Morocco, says: "The international implications of such an event are grave. It is a distinct violation of international law for military or armed civil planes to fly over French territory. It has already been deemed inadvisable for the government to assist rebels against a friendly power."

"It seems almost certain," remarks the *New-Channel*, "that some of the foreign powers at any rate are interested in the success of the rebel cause, which might lead to very serious international complications. This danger is certainly not lessened by deliberate attempts here to misrepresent the Spanish government by labelling the Spanish government 'reds'."

"In the present case the facts are clearly that the Spanish government is a constitutionally elected government, as such our government should declare explicitly in favor of giving it every facility which international law allows. It should use all its influence to prevent other powers from intervention on behalf of the rebels. If that happens anything may happen."

### Bishop To Visit Canada

Says He Is Coming To Visit His Numerous Relatives Here

London.—The Bishop of London, Right Rev. Arthur Winnington-Ingram, announced that he was sailing for Canada on the liner Queen Mary on Aug. 5 to visit his 34 nieces and nephews, grandnieces and great-nephews.

Jokingly he said he expected the prime minister of Canada to erect a marble statue to the winning Ingram family for doing its part in populating the Dominion.

Mr. Winnington-Ingram has been a frequent visitor to Canada.

### Canadian Freighter Rescued

Montreal.—The Canadian leader, a freighter sailed by the Canadian government to the Montreal-Australian-New Zealand line, has been rescued by that firm to the Towner Steamship Company of London, Eng. The 5,492-ton ship, laid up at present at Halifax, will be reconditioned and taken across the Atlantic in the next few weeks.

## United States Exports To Canada Show Heavy Increase

Ottawa.—The United States forged ahead in June as Canada's chief supplier of goods. It was shown in a report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, but the United Kingdom's exports to this country also rose.

The United States led all exporters to Canada with shipments in June worth \$35,961,850, an advance of 31 per cent over the \$25,911,997 worth shipped in June a year before. The United Kingdom, largest supplier among empire countries, followed in June with \$10,954,185 in June, 1935, to \$11,063,861, up 11 per cent.

Returning property was believed

### Naval Agreement Reached

Treaty Between Russia And British Ready For Signatures

London.—An Anglo-Russian naval agreement, "on all points" has been announced at the admiralty.

No date was set for signing the treaty, but it was stated to be completely drafted.

All that remains to be done, officials said, is to inform other powers which are parties to the Washington naval treaty, including France, Italy, the United States and Japan, and other agreements with which Great Britain is now negotiating bilateral treaties.

These include Poland, Denmark, and probably Denmark. The object of the Anglo-Russian agreement, it was stated officially, was to obtain the adherence to the principles of the recent tripartite London pact between Britain, the United States and France.

This accord provides for limitation of tonnage in different categories but not of the number of ships and for an exchange of building information between signatory powers.

### May Buy Cattle

Nova Scotia May Replenish Herds With Western Canadian Livestock

Halifax.—Hon. John A. McDonald, Nova Scotia minister of agriculture, said that the present government was considering a plan to replenish the province's depleted herds with cattle from Western Canada's drought lands.

"Cattle have been materially reduced in this province, especially in the eastern portions, from the drought of two years ago and a smaller-than-average crop last year," said Mr. McDonald.

"We could pay as much as the abattoirs for the cattle, and if we could get the freight rates down it might prove of some benefit to our farmers," he added.

Mr. McDonald said Nova Scotia prospects for the largest hay and alfalfa crop in many years and desire for more cattle had been expressed by many farmers.

### Was Noted Stock Export

Manager Of Royal Winter Fair Dies In Toronto

Toronto.—Alexander P. Waterbury, 44, for 34 years manager of the Royal Winter Fair and an outstanding Canadian live stock expert, died in hospital here after a brief illness. For the past 20 years he had lived at Clarkson, a few miles west of Toronto, where he operated a small farm and nursery.

Mr. Waterbury collapsed at his desk while engaged in making preparations for the forthcoming winter fair.

Since its inception in 1922, he has been the guiding spirit of the Royal Winter Fair, which was responsible for many of the innovations that caused the fair to grow from year to year and attract exhibitors from coast to coast.

Urges Help For Defence

Bristol, Eng.—Stanley M. Bruce, Australian high commissioner in London and former prime minister of the commonwealth, in a speech here, urged that the British dominions agree to make a larger contribution toward the defence of the Empire.

Canada's imports from British

empire countries during June were worth \$17,432,115, an increase of nine per cent, or \$1,628,630 over the same month in 1935, while imports from foreign countries amounted to \$40,166,017, an increase of more than 31 per cent, compared with \$30,626,204.

Canada's total imports in June were worth \$57,598,132, an advance of more than 28 per cent, against \$45,713,689 in June, 1935. 2162

### U.S. Wheat Shortage

Will Necessitate Importation From Canada Says Secretary Wallace

Washington.—A shortage of hard wheat in the United States would necessitate some importation from Canada, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace told a press conference. He declined to predict how much wheat would be brought in from Canada but called attention to predictions in trade circles of about 40,000,000 bushels.

Indications were the United States would have a wheat crop approximately the domestic demand other than the shortage of hard wheat. There would be a surplus of soft white wheat in the Pacific northwest, he said.

Possibility the country might have its smallest corn crop since 1881 was raised by Wallace as the current drought pushed the agriculture department's price index on farm products to the highest level since September, 1930.

Wallace said the corn outlook was by no means definite yet. But he and other officials at the agriculture department mentioned the possibility of sizeable corn imports from the Argentine and elsewhere.

### Obtain Leave To Appeal

Privy Council Grants Petition Of The Canadian Government

London.—The judicial committee of the privy council has granted the petition of the Canadian government for leave to appeal to that body concerning the validity of several acts dealing with labor and employment passed by the Bennett government last year.

Flaxton represented the Dominion government. Ontario and British Columbia joined in petitioning for leave to appeal. Attorney-General Roebuck represented Ontario and J. E. de Farris the Pacific coast province.

The Dominion petitioners concern the validity of the act providing for one day's rest in seven; the act providing for a 48-hour week; the Minimum Wage Act and the Employment and Social Insurance Act. The supreme court of Canada held the first three of these partly valid and the last one unconstitutional.

### King George Memorial

Sultan Of Johore Has Contributed \$25,000 To Fund

London.—A contribution to the King George V. memorial fund of \$25,000 from the Sultan of Johore was announced. The contribution was sent on behalf of the sultan, his people and his government in token of their gratitude for the many great benefits received from the late king's protection during his reign of 25 years, said a message accompanying it.

The fund is now near £200,000 (\$1,000,000).

Visit War Cemeteries

ATLAS, France.—Sir Robert Borden, wartime prime minister of Canada, accompanied by Col. Frank Higginson, chief administrative officer of the Imperial war Graves Commission, and Col. H. C. Osborne, Ottawa, secretary of the Canadian war graves commission, toured soldiers' cemeteries and memorials amid the battlefields of France and Belgium.

### SIR SAMUEL HOARE VISITS DEFENCE

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Sir Samuel Hoare, recently appointed First Lord of the Admiralty, paid his first official visit to the Fleet recently when he flew from London and alighted on the deck of the aircraft carrier "Courageous," which was cruising off the Isle of Wight. Above we see Sir Samuel after his plane had landed on the boat.

### MAY RESIGN

Re. O. Odette, Ontario Liquor Commission, who, it was reported, will soon resign his position on account of ill-health.

### Build More Ships

British Plans Construction Of Two New Battleships

London.—Plans for construction of two new battleships included in the 1937 naval rearmament program were announced in the House of Commons by Sir Samuel Hoare, first lord of the admiralty.

Sir Samuel said construction would begin in January, 1937, with final details as to the cost to be negotiated later with the contractors.

"Arrangements for laying down these ships," the first lord told the commons, "are being made in full accordance with the declared policy of His Majesty's government to press on with naval replacement and the new construction program with all possible speed."

The first-power Washington naval treaty with its limitations on defence, lapses at the end of this year and a tri-power accord comes into effect.

Under it wide latitude is provided the signatories—Britain, France, and the United States—to have the provision they exchange information on plans before construction is begun.

Japan is not a signatory of the new pact.

Sixteen-inch guns will be used on the new warships, under tentatively announced plans, in the hope other countries will follow with the same sized pieces.

Orders for the new men-of-war were given to Vickers, Armstrong Ltd., at Walker-on-Tyne, and the Cammell Laird Co., at Birkenhead.

### World Poultry Congress

Canadian Exhibit Of Plymouth Rocks Is Featured

Leipzig.—A feature of the exhibition attached to the sixth world poultry congress in session here in Canada exhibit of Plymouth Rocks of a new breed which can be easily raised in cold climates.

The Plymouth Rocks form part of a large Canadian exhibit of all types of poultry. The United States, Belgium, France, Holland and Denmark also have large exhibits.

Representatives of 42 nations are attending the congress.

There was a ready market for the Plymouth Rocks at prices as high as 100 marks (\$60). Swedish and Finnish breeders were especially interested.

The current Canadian crop, he said, would probably total 250,000,000 bushels.

With the 125,000,000 bushels carried over from last this would make the amount of wheat available equal or greater than the average Canadian crop of 350,000,000 bushels.

## The Lowest Wheat Carryover in Eight Years Is Reported

### Employment Gain

Shown To Be On Uprate In Five Economic Areas

Ottawa.—Employment is on the upgrade in Canada, and each of the five economic areas showed a gain in the number at work on July 1 compared with June 1 and also in comparison with July 1, 1935, according to a report issued by the Dominion bureau of statistics.

Of the eight cities for which figures are available increased activity was shown in Toronto, Ottawa, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Vancouver, while Montreal, Quebec and Windsor, Ont., showed declines.

Reports from 9,744 employers showed that 24,154 persons at work on July 1 compared with 24,042 the preceding month. On July 1, last year, 9,323 reported 634,262 employed. The gain of 24,154 was the biggest increase between June 1 and July 1 in the preceding years.

Continued the usual trend at July 1, employment in manufacturing showed advancement over the previous month with most of the gain recorded in the food, lumber and pulp and paper groups. Mining, with the exception of coal, communications, services, transportation and construction and maintenance also showed considerable improvement.

All the increases, with the exception of that in construction, exceed the average gains from June 1 to July 1 for the past 15 years.

Although no official survey figures were available reports on crop conditions indicated the vast areas of parched and drifted land, estimated in 1934 at a total of about 8,500,000 acres for the three prairie provinces, were becoming enlarged.

Mr. Reichbold was reported as having said the drought was the worst in the history of the prairies. The Dominion bureau of statistics in its latest report described conditions as constituting a major disaster. In the extreme drought area, it was shown, farmers reported a 20 per cent decline in the marketable crop for the year, the highest figure since 1923 when 240,136,569 bushels were shipped out of the country.

The situation brought bright prospects that holdings of the Canadian wheat board most of the visible supply, would be sold before next year, but it blackened the outlook for thousands of prairie farmers, some of them distraught by drought for several years.

No word came from the government regarding possible fixing of a new minimum price for wheat, but the Canadian grain board announced at Winnipeg the price of 87½ cents a bushel set for 1936 was continued until the administration reaches a decision on a new price.

With wheat selling around the \$1 mark farmers will not offer wheat to the board but should the price again drop below 87½ cents they will be protected to the extent of the spread between that figure and the market price.

### Ontario's Wheat Crop

Says Drouth Loss In Western Canada Greatest In History

Fredrick N.-B. drouth loss in western Canada has been the greatest in the history of the Dominion. Dr. E. S. Archibald, director of the experimental stations in Canada, declared here.

Considerably less than 250,000,000 bushels of wheat would be harvested this year as compared to normal crops of 320,000,000 bushels for the past few years, he predicted. Loss from hail was mostly local and rust damage was small compared to last year. Stock breeders and ranchers would suffer greatly, he said, because of exceptionally heavy losses in both forage and coarse grain crops.

## Combined Opposition In Manitoba Given As Thirty Seats

Winnipeg.—Further ballot counting in the Manitoba election brought the combined opposition strength in the legislature to 30 against a total of 21 government candidates elected.

With two seats in doubt and two more deferred voting Premier John Bracken and his Liberal-Progressive followers were definitely placed as the largest group in the next legislature but well short of a working majority.

Second largest group, the Conservatives with 16 members under Erick Wiens, youthful newly chosen leader.

Candidates declared elected on later count were James McLenaghan, in Killdonn-St. Andrews, and G. Renouf in Swan River. Conservative, H. F. Lawrence in St. Bon-

face, C.C.P., and H. H. Wright in Emerson, Independent.

The party lineup was: Liberal-Progressives, 21; Conservatives, 16; C.C.P., five; Independents, three; Communist, one, and Social Credit, five. Liberal-Progressives were leading.

Re-election of Mr. McLenaghan in Killdonn-St. Andrews has been almost a foregone conclusion for he had piled up a substantial lead on the first count over C. E. Fillmore, Liberal-Progressive. The count gave the Conservative member a majority of 599.

Candidates to a possible alignment of Liberal-Progressives with one of the smaller groups was rife but the government gave no indication as to its plans.



## Reasoning Power Of Birds

Shown In Many Ways Besides Building Of Nests

Everyone who examines a bird's nest must marvel at the excellence of the architecture and the thoroughness with which it is built. Unquestionably, birds must do a great deal of thinking about their homes, because they do not nest but design them according to their particular surroundings and the needs of protecting their families. There are many other ways, however, in which birds apparently exhibit reasoning powers.

For example, "Our Dumb Animals," the interesting magazine published every month by the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, pondered in the July issue why it is that woodpeckers, which are not nest builders, design them according to their particular surroundings and the needs of protecting their families. There are many other ways, however, in which birds apparently exhibit reasoning powers.

When the acorns are placed in the bark they do not contain insects of any appreciable size. Probably most of the insects only contain the eggs of insects which later hatch and develop into good-sized worms.

How do the birds know how long it will take for the worms to grow to eatable size? They undoubtedly do know this, for their nests are placed in the bark where they can store them while they drill a hole in the bark close by. Then, when the hole is finished, they pick up the acorn and fix it firmly in the receptacle which they have prepared. Often the first trial is not satisfactory, and the hole must be drilled larger or deeper. It is often a case of "cut and try" and several trials are necessary to get the hole just right, for the acorn must fit snugly or the bird knows it will fall or be blown out by the wind.

We can only attribute this to the instinct placed in their little brains by the Creator of Life.—St. Thomas Times-Journal.

## In The Wilds Of Africa

Seaman Of An American Freighter Leads Robinson Crusoe Existence

There was something of the Robinson Crusoe about the seaman of the American freighter, Robin Alder, who recently returned to America from East Africa in the Cape.

On the last trip of the vessel this man deserted the ship at Mombasa and to escape detection went into the interior to hide. He had a little money and finding on his reporting his presence to the local authorities after the ship had left, he had a very odd reception. He again returned to the wilds, the main articles in his pack being a small gun and a hammock.

As he was able to buy eggs at 10 a dozen and fowls at 2d. each from friendly natives, he was able to feed himself, and at night to protect himself from the lions and other wild animals with which the bush teems, he slung his hammock in the top of tall trees. He was frequently attacked by inquisitive monkeys and often was lions prowling about beneath him.

## Contrary To General Idea

More Men Than Women Looked Into Public Mirror

Men showed greater vanity than women at a public mirror chosen for a survey of imprints of men.

During an hour 18 men and 17 women stopped for "reflections" at a downtown store's looking glass in Memphis, Tenn.

Most of the men, the survey showed, were "hat men," and "tie-linkers," though a couple of "teeth cleaners" were noted.

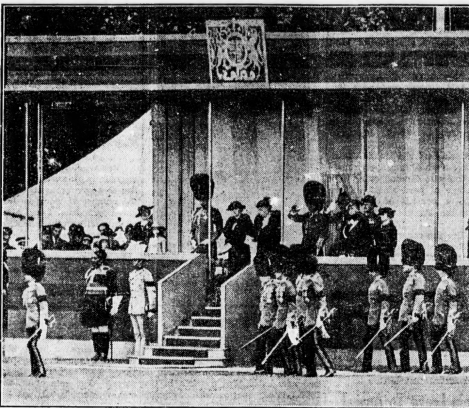
## Builds Unique Vehicle

Thirty-year-old Lester Ulmer, a victim of spinal meningitis, never has walked a step, he is paralyzed around Toledo, Ohio, in a vehicle of his own design. It is a three-wheeler, built close to the ground, which he propels by pushing and pulling the steering wheel. Equipped with a brake, the vehicle can attain a speed of 12 miles an hour.

The "tourist" industry has failed to the half million mark in France, as compared with 3,000,000 foreign visitors before the World War.

Theaters of China have been ordered to show 60 per cent. native films.

## KING AND GUARDS IN GREAT MILITARY PARADE



His Majesty the King, as Colonel-in-Chief of the Brigade of Guards, presented new colours to six battalions in Hyde Park. In the picture the King (left) is leaving the Royal Box, in which may be seen Queen Mary and other members of the Royal Family, for the presentation ceremony. Following this ceremony he led the Brigade of Guards from the Park to Buckingham Palace, and it was during this parade that a man was arrested for apparently attempting to endanger the life of His Majesty.

## Growing Grass Seed

Relatively Little Seed Is Grown In Prairie Provinces

Each year a large acreage is sown to grass in the prairie provinces, yet relatively little of the seed used is produced by the farmer sowing the seed. He grows his own seed grain, yet he has no grass seed.

More care is required when growing grass for seed purposes than when growing it for hay, if a satisfactory product is to be produced. To begin with, clean seed and clean land are imperative, otherwise the labour and time involved in attempting to clean both the standing crop and the threshed seed will be so great that little or no profit is derived from the seed.

The original seed sown should be of the highest grade. Here cleanliness is more important than quantity. Only a small quantity of seed is needed for a start as it can be increased rapidly. At the Brandon Experimental Farm, from one pound of Sudan grass seed, sown in rows, over 150 pounds of seed were harvested. It pays to start with the best seed obtainable.

It would be folly to sow clean seed on weedy land for it will not grow. The weeds interfere with the growth of the grass but it is difficult and often impossible to separate weed seeds from grass seeds with the faning mill.

For this reason, clean summer-fallow land is recommended. While the seed is being sown broadcast in close drills or in rows, to 3 1/2 feet apart, the row sowing has been in its favour. This method of sowing requires less seed for sowing and permits intertillage, therefore affording a better opportunity to remove weeds and other plants which may be in or between the rows. It is easier to remove weed plants from the crop than weed seeds from the threshed material.

## Japanese Want Telephones

Installation Cost Lower And Thousands Apply For Service

Application in Japan for installation of new telephones now total 348,000. Out of this number 40,000 will be chosen by lot to get installations. This year 2,000 more telephones were available than last, but they are still only 11 per cent. of the total applications. The cost of installation was reduced by the Ministry of Communications, causing an increase in the number who want telephones for their homes or business places. Tokyo, Osaka and other large cities are appealing for instruments.

## On Proper Basis

U.S. Postmasters Must Now Pass Civil Service Examinations

An executive order by President Roosevelt made all United States postmaster appointments in the future subject of civil service examination.

The order, signed by the president, affects 12,730 postmaster positions of the first, second and third classes as fast as vacancies occur.

For years the patronage method of appointing postmasters on recommendation of congressmen has been bitterly debated in congress.

## Found Silver Dollars Scarcely

Chickens may come home to roost, but silver dollars don't come back to banks. At least, that was what the McCormick Manufacturing Company of London, Ont., discovered when it decided to pay employees with silver dollars for the second time in a month.

The bank had not received back enough of the coins to meet the payroll. An entirely new set of silver dollars had to be obtained.

Among the dogs brought to an annual meeting of the Canine Defence League in London was one wearing gold-rimmed glasses.



THE COVERED WAGON

—Edsmann in the Washington Post.

## A Good Memory

Remember Pigeon Holes Into Which Ideas Are Sorted

A good memory is a useful memory, and a useful memory depends on a orderly mind. We must readily recall together incidents which were connected together in the past. That is why the garrulous gossip recalls all the irrelevant details connected with her story. That is why a knot in the handkerchief is sometimes a useful aid to memory. The sight of the knot recalls the thought we were impressing on our mind when we made it. We can then recover a lost fact by letting our mind go quietly through the various incidents of the day till the right link is reached which brings with it the forgotten matter.

Some minds are like a drawer into which all sorts of articles have been thrown higgledy-piggledy. When we try to remember, the important and the trivial come out together, the things we need and the details we might as well forget. Often the essential information lies buried especially when it is the nature of the drawer beneath an untidy heap of fripperies. There is no system in such a mind. Ideas are linked together because they happened to occur together.

A good memory, on the other hand, can be compared with a series of drawers well sorted. When we come pigeon holes into which our ideas have been sorted. When we come to the future we should put it into its right pigeon hole, and so build up in our minds properly arranged systems of ideas. An orderly mind is not a jumble of disconnected bits of knowledge. It is a system in which everything has its place and can be found when it is needed.

That is the secret of most systems of memory training—learn to be orderly in observation and thinking, form the right associations between ideas, and they will come when you need them.

## Dislike For Felines

Perseverity Of The House Cat Responsible For Lack Of Appreciation

The reluctance to obey—call it perversity if you will—is responsible for the common lack of appreciation of the cat. His disregard of us and our orders in observation and thinking form the right associations between ideas, and they will come when you need them.

The dog or monkey, which will learn mechanical tricks for the reward of a pat on the head or a bit of sugar is acclaimed for his skill. And this ability to understand and obey is applauded as a sign of intelligence. The cat, on the other hand, applies his skill and intelligence to his own purposes.

Because I think that intelligence is something more than the ability to understand and obey, I offer this definition of animal intelligence: An animal's ability to reason and act for itself in an intelligent manner may arise in its experience, without human interference.

Judged by this standard, the cat passes with distinction. He is not an opportunist in the animal world, he is the cat. He is independent and resourceful, and innumerable stories have been told by such expert observers as the late W. H. Hudson which confirm the view that the cat is a highly intelligent animal.

The extent of the cat's intelligence can only be gauged, in my opinion, by close observation allied to a peculiar sympathy with the cat's character. That is where the scientists go wrong. A detached and objective attitude towards cats is likely to yield very misleading results.—London Spectator.

## A Lesson In Courtesy

The Duke of Connaught, 86 years old, set an example for punctilious courtesy at the Troop Review at Coler. He was the first member of the Royal family to arrive at the Horse Guards, says a London column, and was about to take his seat when he learned that Queen Mary had not yet arrived. "Then I must wait for her Majesty," he said, and stood in the hot sun until the Queen appeared. Having kissed her hand with old-world courtesy the Duke took his seat.

## Hardly Possible

American tourists have been reported deluded about Canadian weather, but this one was certainly confused about distances. A man from Georgia drove into a gas station at Oakville, Ontario, demanding rush service. He explained he had to be in Winnipeg by night.

Stamp collecting has a greater following than any other hobby.

## Milk Pasteurization

Many Dangerous Diseases May Be Carried In Raw Milk

Increased consumption of properly merchandised milk, by Canadians, would mean greater health for the nation's people, Hon. G. Power, M.C., Minister of Pensions and National Health, declared in Toronto.

Major Power expressed the hope that the nation's health would be improved by the wide pasteurization of milk supply would continue to grow in Canada, and it is hoped that legislation will be adopted to make pasteurization compulsory in more and more communities as public opinion crystallized sufficiently to justify such a step.

"While milk is one of the best-balanced foods known to man, the dangers which may lurk in unpasteurized milk are well known to the medical profession," the Minister declared. "Many dangerous diseases may be carried in raw milk. In order to guard against this hazard, milk should always be pasteurized, especially when it is to be given to children."

"Pasteurization will kill millions of germs and render milk perfectly safe without in any way spoiling its flavor or reducing its food value," the Minister of Health went on. "It is an informed fact that in one Canadian's milk which has been fed to the most delicate patients for years past has been not only pasteurized but actually boiled to increase its digestibility. This would certainly never be done if heating deteriorated the food value of milk. In pasteurization the heat used is only 145 degrees F. for a few minutes. It is obvious that pasteurization cannot spoil milk as a food, as is sometimes ignorantly argued."

Major Power spoke favorably about efforts being made in Canada by provincial and municipal departments to encourage voluntary agencies to put before the public the truth concerning the value of pasteurization. He said his department was warmly in sympathy with this work.

"In many Canadian communities, where pasteurization has not yet been made compulsory, it is possible to get pasteurized milk," Major Power remarked. "It is always advisable to get pasteurized milk in preference to raw milk, if the former is to be had. If it is not obtainable, however, raw milk can be pasteurized at home by a very simple process, and every Canadian mother owes it to her children to give them this easy but safe and sure protection against the many diseases which may be conveyed by raw milk."

## New Kind Of Fodder

Method Of Converting Low-Grade Crops Into Palatable Feed

Science has offered the drought-stricken midwestern United States an immediate partial relief in a new method of converting half-burned crops into superior fodder.

The new method, announced at Cornell University, it has been tried out in 1,000 silos. It was developed by Dr. J. K. Wilson, professor of bacteriology in the department of agronomy.

The announcement says the acid can be added in silos at a cost of 10 to 75 cents a ton of fodder. Even the most burnt out crops in the high protein class, it is declared, can be preserved so they will furnish an all-year green fodder.

Grass cuttings only a few inches high, too small in most cases for forage, have been converted into a palatable and highly nutritious food. The "high protein" crops particularly responsive to the new treatment include alfalfa, the clover, sweet clover and soy beans.

"The addition of acids for the preservation of silage," says a report by Professor Wilson, has been practiced for a long time. Sauerkraut, pickles and silage are good examples. Therefore, why not add acids if it is suspected that a sufficient quantity to preserve the crop is not going to develop spontaneously?

One of the disadvantages of getting up and dressing before daylight is that one doesn't discover the hole in the heel of his sock until he gets up town.

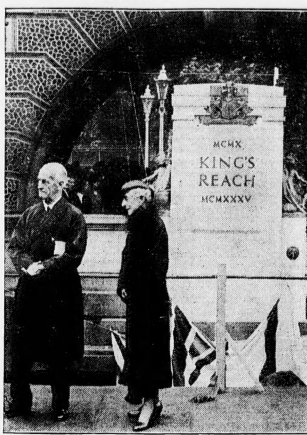
The crocodile lives to be 100 years old, the tortoise more than 100, and the elephant between 120 and 200.

White coats are worn all the year round by Polar bears, Greenland falds and snowy owls, in the Arctic.



Now the husband is easy to get if  
he has the job.

THAMES-SIDE MEMORIAL TO KING GEORGE



For some months, unknown to the thousands passing along the Thames Embankment, workmen have been busy behind a wooden screen under the Water Gate Arch, erecting a memorial to the late King George V. The monument, designed by Sir Edwin Cooper, was commissioned by the Port of London Authority. At its base is the name "King's Reach" which was given to the stretch of the Thames between London and Westminster Bridges, on the occasion of King George's Silver Jubilee. Lady Ritchie unveiled the memorial, and we see her above with Lord Ritchie standing on the deck of a launch after the unveiling ceremony.

### Long Arctic Flight

Soviet Pilots Cover 5,888 Miles Without A Stop

A long Arctic flight by Soviet pilots was hailed in the official press as an accomplishment which "will confuse our enemies."

Moscow newspapers described the plane trip of Pilots Cherkov and Baidukov as one of the most difficult ever made.

(The flyers, accompanied by Navigator Beisakov, spent 56 hours and 20 minutes in the air and landed near Nicolaevsk, Siberia, after covering 5,888 miles without a stop.)

(Their plane, it was disclosed by the commissariat for heavy industry, which sponsored the trip, was only brought to earth when they were threatened by head winds and a gasoline shortage.)

On recommendation of high Soviet officials, the three men participating in the flight are to be awarded the title of "heroes."

In recognition of their accomplishment the flyers also will receive cash grants from the government.

### Glider Touring Japan

To Arouse Interest In That Type of Recreation

To arouse interest in glider aviation, a German glider, manned by a well-known Osaka pilot, is touring Japan. It is being towed by an airplane and is covering 2,500 miles in its flight, which touches all large and many small cities.

The glider is being piloted by Wolf Hirth, the German master pilot who coached Japanese glider men last year. It is the best machine of the kind in the country except that owned by army air forces.

### Perpetually Honored

Saskatchewan Lakes May Carry Names of Victoria Cross Winners

Four Saskatchewan lakes, winners of the Victoria Cross during the world war, are going to be honored perpetually by having names of as many northern lakes named after them according to Hon. W. P. Kerr, minister of natural resources.

Mr. Kerr has made recommendation to the geographic board of Canada that the following lakes be named:

102-Jozeg Lake—After R. L. Zenge who won the Victoria Cross while serving with the 8th Battalion—Saskatchewan unit.

108—Cairn Lake—After the late Hugh Cairns, formerly of Saskatoon, who won the Victoria Cross while serving with the Princess Pals.

114—Combe Lake—After the late R. G. Combe, formerly of Melville, Saskatchewan, who won the Victoria Cross while serving with the 57th Battalion.

### Back From Nature

Members Of French Nudist Colony Now Wearing Clothes

"Nudists at the French 'Naturalists' colony on Heligoland Island, the Seine, about 25 miles from Paris, have returned to clothes. Only babies under three are to be allowed to go entirely naked. On the island are hundreds of tiny tents and small asbestos cabins, which were erected by the 'back-to-nature' colony. The nudists now wear more than is usually seen on bathers at fashionable seaside resorts."

### Kittens at Play in Dainty Crochet



When you take Baby for his little bundle him in with this adorable carriage set—pillow and cover! You'll find it easiest of the easy to do, in just plain crochet, and most appealing in white with blue or pink, or in two shades of one color. It's glorious fun to watch those playful kittens appear one by one, as the simple stitches mount up. Use Germanstown wool for the best. Both light and dark colors will give you just the pattern you want. Instructions and charts for making the set shown; an illustration of it and of the kittens needed. Material requirements.

To obtain this pattern send 20 cents in stamps or coin (paid in full) to Household Arts Dept., Whimpering Newspaper Union, 175 McDermott Ave., E., Winnipeg.

There is no Alice Brooks pattern book published

### Being Foolishly Kind

Motorists Who Pick Up Hitch Hikers Invite Trouble

Two parties of motor tourists from the United States have been robbed in Quebec by a pair of hitch-hikers in a swindling scheme, who threatened with a gun those who picked them up as they tramped towards the border.

The danger of stopping for such itinerants of the highways has been impressed upon motorists many times. To stop at the arrogant gesture of the pointed thumb is to invite trouble. In the great majority of cases, of course, the wayfarer is an innocent, who does not propose to let his lack of means interfere with his ambition to see the world. But many instances have shown that there are ugly customers as well in this army that moves on other people's wheels, and drivers of reasonable caution do not take chances.

The driver asked to pick up a strange man should not consider whether he would invite that individual to spend the night at his home in complete ignorance of the stranger's habits, background, history—Ottawa Journal.

### Test Flights Delayed

Trips Over North Atlantic Route Not Likely This Year

Test flights on the North Atlantic air route between Great Britain, Newfoundland and Canada, probably will not be made this year, it was learned from Ottawa. Rearmament was said to be one factor causing delay.

A sub-mergence conference at Ottawa, however, decided that test flights should be flown in April on the route between Canada and England.

A large airport and seaplane harbor already had been constructed at Sydney, N.S., in anticipation of a trans-Atlantic service and work was started on another at Gander Lake, Newfoundland.

Imperial Airways ordered a number of "composite" flying boats, four-engine machines, designed to be launched in the air with heavy loads of mail.

One of these machines has been test-flown. It is reported to have a cruising speed of about 200 miles an hour.

### Self-Sufficiency Program

Russia Now Intends To Buy Less And Sell More

Russia henceforth is going to buy less and sell more. Less will mean less save more—towards the goal of self-sufficiency.

Furthermore, Foreign Trade Commissar Archibud Rozengot told the conference for foreign trade that it won't be necessary to send so many Soviet raw materials abroad—the buyers are flocking to Moscow.

The reason for the self-sufficiency program, he asserted, is clear. In the present period of increasing military dangers, the necessity to prepare for defence and the significance of increasing gold reserves is apparent.

"Reduction of imports will be continued and intensified" during the third and current five-year plan by which Soviet Russia maps its future, Rozengot said. He added, "We mean to get along almost without imports."

### High Salaries

Many Big Industrialists In United States Receive Huge Pay

The Toronto Star cites five big industrial men in the United States with salaries of \$200,000 per year and over, and nineteen others with salaries of over \$100,000 per year. In all cases, the high pay is the reward for assembling thousands and hundreds of men into an organization of production, competitive with the world, and it is a highly debatable point whether the salaries of such size are justified when compared with standard wages in industries which provide them. Comparatively more and heavier stars are paid more and contribute no effort for the employment of large numbers of other people with dependent families. The system of high reward for creative effort and exceptional skill may be all wrong, but where is the better way to replace it?—St. Catharines Standard.

### Australian Aborigines

Aborigines are becoming as scarce in Australia as Indians in the United States, according to the latest census returns completed at Canberra. These show that there still remain only 60,000 full-blooded aborigines in the country, of whom 24,000 were either in employment or were living in supervised camps. The remaining 36,000 are nomadic.

More than 7,000,000 members are enrolled in athletic clubs in Ger-

### Some Strange Foods

Unusual Things Found By Those Who Search For Them

Snails are not exclusively a French dish. They have been eaten for generations in Sweden, Netherlands, where, even now, if you are lucky, you may find a dish on the public-house bar counter.

Stranger menus can be found by those who search for them between Lund's and John of Groom. In Radnorshire they eat rabbits and fishes' eyes, while epicures who can afford frosts' cheeks find it takes fifty dollars to fill a small saucer with this delicacy.

Brown Geordy, a North of England delicacy, is made from bean, while Cornish pasties and pilchard pie compete with the neighboring Devonshire squab pie, in which apples, nutmeg, onions and pastry are the ingredients.

Candied rose leaves, nettles in beer, and rutabaga berries, with look so poisonous but make wonderful jelly, and cockles and cream wine with thunder and lightning for first place of favor in many homes. The latter is made from treacle and Devonshire cream.

Belgian spotted dog, and lead in the hole are everyday dishes everywhere, but in Wales and Ireland they eat seaweed and sea-slugs.

The names "Singin' Hinner" and "Eat Rascal" are just aliases for Sturgeon and Fish which is so rare, is limited in many places. Just boned trout boiled in wine, vine-lettuce, spotted dog, and lead in the hole are everyday dishes everywhere, but in Wales and Ireland they eat seaweed and sea-slugs.

In remote parts of Scotland and Ireland they eat sea-slugs and get rid of fishy tastes by leaving them overnight stashed with onions. When the onions are removed the fishy flavor has gone.

Despite all these strange dishes, we still have a long way to go to compete with lion chops, as once eaten by the King and the Duke of Gloucester, and with onions.

And one big game gourmet once set down to a banquet of antelope skulls, bear traps, ostrich egg omelet, curried crockets and parrot pie.

### Odd Uses For Electricity

One Of Strangest Is Lighting Of Drunk Flights

The farmer and electrician have found many uses for electricity in lightening labor. Current is now used to heat, cook, furnish light and power, destroy insects, cut grain and even to keep vegetable crops from freezing. One of the strangest uses the illumination of drunk farms.

These birds, it seems, are afraid of the dark and sometimes stampede at night. Under the bright lights they lose their timidity and remain content. The Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station found that cooked vegetables in the extra supply of mental food for hogs. To cook these over an open fire was a chore. Labor costs were high. Electricity cooks them in less than half the time and in an electric cooker.

A southern farmer found that water for his creek passing through his property came from a hot spring. He installed an electric pump and irrigated his vegetables from the warm creek. This prevented his produce from freezing and he received an excellent price for his late vegetables.

In egg storage, temperature is important. If temperatures are above 50 degrees or below 50, the whites of eggs become weak and watery and the yolks are visible in candling. With electric coolers controlled by thermostat, an ideal temperature of 50 degrees can be maintained.

Underground 'Phone Cable

Elimination Of Wires Foreseen By Research Experts

The birds that roost on telephone wires will have to find somewhere else to sit in the near future. Science, according to Dr. Oliver K. Buckley of New York University, is working for the Bell Telephone Laboratories, is about to eliminate the wires.

In their place, he told telephone company engineers in Denver, Colo., recently, will be underground pipes, each capable of transmitting hundreds of messages simultaneously.

The newest development in telephone research is called the coaxial cable. Dr. Buckley said.

"I wonder what causes the flight of time?"

"It probably urged on by the spur of the moment."

A Swiss expert announces that there are more than 35 kinds of poisonous gases ready for use in the next war.

For Remarkable Smoking

Buckingham Fine Cut

COOL MILD TOBACCO

### WORLD HAPPENINGS BRIEFLY TOLD

#### New Ceramic Process

One Of The Few Advances Made In This Art In 3,000 Years

A new type of porcelain, its surface done by "nut frost," one of the few advances in 3,000 years of the ceramics art, was announced at the color conference at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

The "nut frost" is real. It is metallic, formed when metals freeze at temperatures around 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The metallic frost has all the pattern of frost on the window pane and can have all the colors of the rainbow.

The metallic frost is lustrous, its surface smooth. Unlike the frost on winter windows, the metallic frost can grow crystals of any size. It resembles pictures of flowers painted in metal.

The new ceramic was developed at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. In the laboratory of Professor F. H. Norton, who described it to the conference. It grew out of new methods of controlling precisely the color of the surface of ceramic.

This old process produces color by means of the light, leaving the surface smooth. The metallic frost, which makes the crystals, Professor Norton explained, may not in themselves possess any color. The shape of the crystals and the materials forming them, combine to add with part of the light, leaving the rest to be reflected as brilliant color.

#### South Africa Takes Census

Used Old Method Of Cutting Notches On Sticks

The old method of tallying by means of cutting notches on sticks was one of the unusual features in the general census of South Africa, held recently.

Heads of families in Zululand were instructed to conglomerate at the nearest dipping tank (these tanks are used for the eradication of ticks in cattle) for the purpose of counting all those related to one family.

They brought to the enumerators sticks, on one side of which were carved notches corresponding to the number of males and on the other to the number of females in the family.

This method of counting has been in use for years with raw natives who desire to keep a check on the number of those they work for a while employer.

More than 8,000 enumerators were engaged for the census, which the first taken for 10 years, and although the motor car was largely used for transport in the outlying districts, the horse, donkey and even the old Cape cart were found necessary in some parts where roads do not exist.

#### Had Narrow Escape

Aviator Struck High Tension Wires Carrying 70,000 Volts

Lost in the clouds of a violent storm a British aviator pilot, Mr. Phil Avery, when taking an aeroplane for delivery at Basle, Switzerland, struck and severed the high-tension wires over Belfort, France, on the French frontier. The wires were carrying 70,000 volts.

Mr. Avery miraculously escaped injury and safely landed the crippled aeroplane.

#### One Thing Lacking

Not for the first time the Englishman was belittling Scotland and everything to do with it. As he drained his second glass of whiskey he turned to his companion.

"Why," he said, "your country has never produced a really great man. You say Walter Scott? Puff! If I had a mind to do it, I could write as good stuff as ever Scott did."

"Yes," he said, "you're right there," replied the patient Scot. "All that you want is the mind."

#### Old Sheet Copper Found

A small cylinder of sheet copper believed to have been left by Captain James Bevington when he took possession of the Queen Charlotte Islands for Great Britain 150 years ago, has been uncovered on one of the islands. W. M. Halliday, authority on the north midcoast region of the Queen Charlotte, and R. A. McTavish, Victoria newspaper editor, reported the find on their return to Victoria with the cylinder.

#### Should Hold Seed Wheat

Alberta Farmers Warned Against Excess Marketing Across The Border

Alberta farmers were warned by Hon. W. N. Chant, minister of agriculture, against the excess marketing of seed wheat across the border. He said that the young national border despite the lure of premium prices there.

He also advised farmers in sections of the province where there might be a feed shortage to conserve their supplies as much as possible.

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A delegate to the conference of the Royal Institute of British architects prophesied that one day 15 liners the size of the Queen Mary might be in dock at Southampton.

T. H. Cunliffe, 65, assistant financial editor of the Montreal Gazette since 1919 and advertising manager for 21 years prior to the Great War, died in Montreal recently.

A confectionery firm in Sheffield, England, was fined \$8 for working an 18-year-old girl 7 1/2 hours a week for a wage of \$3. She was not allowed proper intervals for meals.

Fred R. Goodwin, who had only five hours' "solo" experience when he started, arrived at Croydon, England, after flying in India and back. His wife accompanied him.

Three women magistrates were on the bench at Eastbourne, England, and heard a number of motoring cases before they were joined by a male colleague.

A 7,000-mile three-minute telephone call between South Africa and Sweden—was recently. It was believed the first commercial 'phone conversation between the two countries.

Drouth has taken heavy toll of wild life in Alberta, says J. Selby Walker, founder of Calgary's bird sanctuary. "Thousands of wild ducks have died as small lakes and sloughs dried up," he said.

Jack pine growing over thousands of acres of Manitoba land, threatened with destruction by an invasion of spruce bud worms which are stripping the trees of their foliage.

Col. H. J. Stevenson, forestry branch director, stated.

The largest private nursing home in the world is to be built near Newburg, South Africa. It will cover about one-quarter of an acre and accommodate 250 patients, 30 more than the next biggest home, in New York.

### First Visit To Britain

Maharajah Of Mysore Making Unofficial Trip To London

The Maharajah of Mysore, whose fortune is estimated at \$40,000,000 (\$400,000,000) and who neither smokes, drinks nor eats meat, is visiting London.

A room in the Indian prince's hotel was prepared as a temple for the worship of the Maharajah's goddess, Chamundekvari. A small golden figure of the goddess had been placed in the room, and priests accompanying the Maharajah will perform daily rites.

This is the Maharajah's first visit to Great Britain, and, indeed, his first departure from his kingdom since his accession at the age of 11 in 1895.

His visit is unofficial, but he almost certainly will be received by the King who visited him in 1922 as Prince of Wales. At that time the Maharajah bested the Prince at squash.

The Maharajah was greeted at the station by representatives of the government and of the India office. He was accompanied by a retinue of 50. After a short trip to the continent the party will return to India in September.

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